

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's Office Action of December 21, 2004. Re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 were pending in the application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance related to claims 6-8.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Claims 1-3 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

All Claims Remaining in the Application are Allowable

Claims 1-3 have been canceled from further consideration in this application. Applicants do reserve the right to further prosecute these claims in a further application.

The cancellation of claims 1-3 obviate the rejection based on double patenting and obviousness under 35 U.S. C. § 103.

As remaining claims 6-8 have been noted to be allowed, it is submitted all claims in the application are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is therefore earnestly solicited.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in order for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 6-8) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

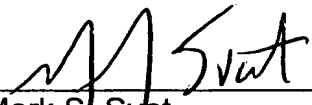
In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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